

- SB 5** **Unfunded Mandates:** Removes unfunded administrative burdens placed on higher education institutions relating to financial management, purchasing and procurement, human resources, construction and real estate, board appointments, and reports and notices. (House sponsor: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective date varies.
- SB 27** **Food Allergy:** Would require school districts to develop a policy to address students with food allergies. (House sponsor: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.
- SB 28** **TEXAS Grant Priority Model:** Provides for various priority criteria for students who receive TEXAS grants. (House sponsor: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.
- SB 29** **Fellowship Health Insurance:** Allows qualified recipients of fellowships to participate in the institution's health insurance program. (House sponsor: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.
- SB 32** **Consolidation of Exemptions and Waivers:** Consolidates all exemptions and waivers into one chapter of the Texas Education Code. (House sponsor: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.
- SB 36** **Academic Advising Accountability:** Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in consultation with academic advisors and institutions of higher education, to bring academic advisors into the state's accountability system. (House sponsor: Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio); Effective September 1, 2011.
- SB 37** **Continuation of the Promoting Independence Advisory Committee:** Extends the statutory authority for the existence of the Promoting Independence Advisory Committee until 2017. (House sponsor: Rep. Elliot Naishtat, D-Austin); Effective 4/21/2011.

- SB 38 Career School Accountability:** Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in consultation with affected institutions, to develop a methodology by which for-profit career schools participate in the state's accountability system. (passed in Sen. Shapiro's SB 1534) ; Effective September 1, 2011.
- SB 40 Texas Guarantee Student Loan Corporation:** Repurposes the Texas Guarantee Student Loan Corporation in light of the federal government changing from the Federal Family Education Loan Program to the Direct Lending Program. (House sponsor: Rep. Bill Callegari, R-Houston); Effective September 1, 2011.
- SB 41 Use of restraints in State Supported Living Centers (SSLC):** Prohibits the use of prone holds and strait jackets, eliminates "as needed" or "standing orders" for restrictive controls, limits the use of mechanical restraints to emergencies only, uses only the least restrictive restraint techniques, and conducts an administrative review within one hour a restraints in state schools. (House sponsor: Rep. John Davis, R-Houston); Effective 9/1/2011.
- SB 43 Civil Liability Determination for Employers of Mental Health Services Providers:** Ensures that all entities with knowledge of abuses in the mental health care system are held accountable by cleaning up language in the Civil Practices and Remedies Code regarding the liability of an employer of a mental health services provider. (House sponsor: Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo); Effective 9/1/2011.
- SB 49 Parent Notification of DAEP:** Requires a school district to provide parents of students removed from a classroom and placed in a disciplinary alternative education program(DAEP) written notice of the guidelines DAEPs must meet. (House spons or: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City); Effective 9/1/11.
- SB 54 Certification for VI Teachers:** Requires a person seeking certification to teach students with visual impairments to complete

coursework before sitting for the required certification exam. (House sponsor: Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands); Effective 9/1/11.

- SB 58** **Korean Veterans Highway:** Authorizes the renaming of State Highways 359, 16, and 285 as the Veterans of the Korean War Memorial Highway. (House sponsor: Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo); Effective 6/19/11.
- SB 61** **Minimum Standards for Juvenile Case Managers:** Would establish basic guidelines for juvenile case managers. (House sponsor: Rep. Armando Walle, R-Houston; sent to the Governor on May, 25, 2011).
- SB 209** **Supervision of Juvenile Case Mangers:** Would establish guidelines and minimum supervision standards for entities who employ juvenile case managers. (House sponsor: Rep. Armando Walle, R-Houston; sent to the Governor on May, 30, 2011).
- SB 250** **Protective Orders for Victims of Stalking:** Would allow victims of stalking to obtain a protective order regardless of relationship. (House sponsors: Reps. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas; Pete Gallego, D-Alpine; Will Hartnett, R-Dallas; signed by the Governor on May 27, 2011, effective on September 9, 2011).
- SB 264** **Quality Care Indicators:** Requires that each board provide information on quality child care indicators for each child care provider in the area in order to better inform the consumer. (House sponsor: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City); Effective 9/1/11.
- SB 265** **Childcare Training:** Specifies exactly who might provide the training required for all employees and directors of childcare providers in Texas. (House sponsor: Rep. (House sponsor: Rep. Stefani Carter, R-Dallas); Effective 1/1/12.
- SB 773** **Telecommunication Discounts:** Would extend the telecommunications discount to public schools, libraries, non-profit telemedicine centers, public hospitals, and universities. It would ensure that telecommunications infrastructure continues at a

reasonable rate. (House sponsor: Rep. Pete Gallego; Signed in the Senate 05/29/2011).

SB 776 **Customs Brokers:** Increases enforcement and closes avenues to fraud in the customs broker system by requiring verification of purchased items and increasing the cost of the export certificate stamp by 50 cents. (House sponsor: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City); Effective 9/01/11.

SB 811 **Veterinary Medicine Omnibus Bill:** Removes outdated language, authorizes a Board approved peer assistance program to require a disciplined veterinarian to attend the program, clarifies licensing examinations. (House sponsor: Rep. Rick Hardcastle, R-Vernon; sent to the Governor on May, 25, 2011).

SB 812 **Texas Municipal Retirement System Return to Work:** would allow persons who retired from a municipality to return to work after a break in employment without suspending payment of their pension. (House sponsor: Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo; sent to the Governor on May, 27, 2011).

SB 851 **Uniform State Financial Aid Deadline:** Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in consultation with financial aid officers, to create a single statewide financial aid deadline for all general academic teaching institutions. (House sponsor: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.

SB 1449 **Licensing Requirements for Chemical Dependency Treatment Facilities:** Allows the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to accept an accreditation review from any national accreditation commission for a chemical dependency treatment facility instead of an inspection by DSHS for renewal of a license. (House sponsor: Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo); Effective 9/1/2011.

SB 1726 **Learning Outcomes:** Requires institutions of higher education to develop course specific learning outcomes. (House sponsor: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.

- SB 1857 Administration of Medication for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities:** Codifies current practice which authorizes an unlicensed person to provide administration of medication to a client who is a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities who is served in a small licensed or certified intermediate care facility. (House sponsor: Rep. Vicki Truitt, R-Keller); Effective 9/1/2011.
- SB 1927 Volunteer Firefighter Fundraisers:** Authorizes volunteer firefighters to hold ten fundraisers a year allowing them to raise more funds for equipment, training and travel expenses. (House sponsor: Rep. John Garza, R- San Antonio); Effective 6/19/11.
- HB 9 Outcomes Based Funding:** Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop funding recommendations that include various student success measures when it makes formula funding recommendations to the Legislative Budget Board. (House author: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 33 Textbook Affordability:** Codifies federal law to help bring down the cost of college textbooks. (House author: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 114 Designates April as Minority Cancer Awareness Month:** Elevates cancer awareness among the general public and minority populations by designating April as Minority Cancer Awareness Month. (House author: Rep. Ruth McClendon, D-San Antonio); Effective 9/1/2011.
- HB 149 Appointment of a Parenting Coordinator:** Would authorize the court to appoint a person who meets the minimum legal qualifications, including an employee of the court, to act as a parenting coordinator voluntarily and without compensation (House sponsor: Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo; sent to the Governor on May, 27, 2011).
- HB 159 Texas Municipal Retirement System Return to Work:** would allow persons who retired from a municipality to return to work after a

break in employment without suspending payment of their pension. (House sponsor: Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo; sent to the Governor on May, 27, 2011).

- HB 167 **Transportation of Mental Health Patients to a Mental Health Facility:**** Prioritizes the parties authorized to transport patients committed to mental health facilities. (House author: Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo); Effective 9/1/2011.
- HB 326 **Sunset Document Review:**** Authorizes agencies and departments under the sunset review to submit into the legislature a list of documents that are unnecessary or duplicate to save on costs. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D- Rio Grande City); Effective 6/19/11.
- HB 328 **Texas.gov:**** Authorizes the tax code to change from Texasonline.com to Texas.gov in tax statute. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D- Rio Grande City) ; Effective 6/19/11.
- HB 399 **Financial Literacy Training:**** Requires institutions of higher education to offer financial literacy training to students. (House author: Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 753 **Recruitment and Retention of Certain Caseworkers Employed by the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS):**** Directs DFPS to use special assessment tools in screening applicants for employment with the child protective services division; charges DFPS to study the salaries of each type of caseworker it employs; and requires DFPS to report the results of its study to the legislature. (House author: Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo); Effective 9/1/2011.
- HB 826 **Children in Foster Care:**** Requires each school district to appoint at least one employee to act as a liaison officer in order to facilitate the enrollment in or transfer of a child who is in the conservatorship of the state. (House author: Rep. Joe Farias, D- San Antonio); Effective 9/1/11.

- HB 848** **Extends Agreements Authorizing Certain Persons to Make Decisions regarding a Child during an Investigation of Child Abuse or Neglect:** Extends the possibility of authorization to members of the parent's extended family and other trusted community members. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D- Rio Grande City); Effective 9/1/2011.
- HB 871** **Expands Indigent Health Care Services that may be Provided by a County:** Adds physical and occupational therapy services to the optional health care services authorized to be provided by a county under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act. (House author: Rep. Yvonne Davis, D-Dallas); Effective 9/1/2011.
- HB 992** **Six Drop Rule:** Requires institutions of higher education to provide notice to students of the six drop law. (House author: Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 994** **Pleas for Bexar County Magistrates:** Would allow Bexar County magistrates to accept pleas of guilty for misdemeanors and felonies. (House author: Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio; signed by the Governor on May 27, 2011).
- HB 1000** **NRUF Distribution:** Provides for a distribution methodology for the National Research University Fund. (House author: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 1113** **Deferred Adjudication Hearings for Minors:** Would create an authorization to allow a sentence hearing of a defendant convicted of an offense involving possession, manufacture, or delivery of a controlled substance, to take place at a secondary school for drug use prevention among teens. (House authors: Reps. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo; Pete Gallego, D-Alpine; Wayen Christian, R-Center; signed in the Senate on May 29, 2011).

- HB 1206 Community College Financial Training:** Requires new trustees of community colleges to attend financial training. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 1314 Webb County District Courts:** This is a clean-up bill for the Webb County district courts. (House author: Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo; sent to the Governor on May 27, 2011).
- HB 1315 Hotel Occupancy Tax:** Authorizes the expansion of the City of Jourdanton hotel/motel tax funds for the creation of a sports venue. (House author: Rep. Jose Aliseda, R-Beeville); Effective 6/19/11.
- HB 1330 Mud flaps:** Authorizes super wide tires to be equipped with safety guards or flaps. (House author: Rep. Richard Raymond, D - Laredo); Effective 6/19/11.
- HB 1341 Tuition Payment:** Provides flexibility to institutions of higher education regarding when they may collect tuition and fee payments from students. (House author: Rep. Armando Walle, D-Houston); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 1346 Game Warden Terminology:** Would replace outdated references to "game management officer" to "game warden." (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City; signed by the Governor on May 19, 2011).
- HB 1402 Law Enforcement Discipline Procedures:** Exempt law enforcement officers licensed, or an applicant to be licensed, under Chapter 1701 of the Occupations Code from the general provisions for discipline under Chapter 53 of the Occupations Code. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City; sent to the Governor on May 27,2011).
- HB 1449 Easements on Parks and Wildlife Land:** Would streamline the application for an easement on Parks and Wildlife Land. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City; sent to the Governor on May 20,2011).

- HB 1450 Study on Torts for Parks and Wildlife Volunteers:** Would allow the Parks and Wildlife Department to conduct a study on tort liability resulting from volunteers for the Parks and Wildlife Department. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City; signed by the Governor, effective May 28, 2011).
- HB 1481 Promotes the use of Person First Respectful Language in reference to Persons with Disabilities:** Establishes the definition of "intellectual disability" in the Health and Safety Code, requires the Sunset Advisory Commission to consider respectful language in their 2013 session bill recommendations, requires health and human services agencies to use respectful language in all reference materials, publications, and electronic materials, publications, and electronic media, and requires that the new language be used when referencing persons with mental retardation in general and wherever the term "retarded" is used in statute. (House author: Rep. Vicki Truitt, R-Keller); Effective 9/1/2011.
- HB 1721 Protective Orders for Victims of Sexual Assault and Stalking:** This bill would allow victims of stalking or sexual assault to more easily obtain protective orders. It would also allow recorded statements made by children under 14 years of age to be used as evidence. (House author: Rep. Eddie Lucio, III, D-Brownsville; sent to the Governor on May 27, 2011).
- HB 2136 Regulates Regional Contracted Brokers and Subcontractors providing Medicaid Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services:** Assures that a medical transportation provider meets certain standards to assure the health and safety of the state's Medicaid population. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City); Effective 9/1/2011.
- HB 2138 Search and Rescue of Victims of Water-oriented Accidents:** This bill would formalize the cooperative efforts between game wardens and state military forces in water-related rescues. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City; sent to the Governor on May 27, 2011).

- HB 2139** **Adopt-A-Library:** Would establish an Adopt-A-Library program to encourage public and private entities to invest in public libraries throughout Texas. It would also authorize the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to use any cash, gift, grant, donation, or in-kind contribution that it receives from a public or private entity through the program. It would help assist the commission and public libraries in the establishment, provision, improvement, or expansion of library services. (Author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City); Sent to the Governor 05/26/2011
- HB 2369** **VIA Transit Tax:** Authorizes the San Antonio's Advanced Transportation District to issue revenue bonds backed by proceeds from the sales tax. (House author: Rep. Ruth McClendon); Effective 6/19/11.
- HB 2631** **Advanced Research Program:** Renames the Advanced Research Program the Norman Hackerman Advanced Research Program. (House author: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 2758** **Emergency Alert:** Requires institutions of higher education to develop an emergency alert system. (House author: Rep. Aaron Pena, R-Edinburg); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 2904** **Administration of the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry:** Requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to contract with a nonprofit organization, which is federally certified, to administer the registry to bring attention to the growing need for organ and tissue donors in Texas and to make the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry a more effective tool in registering citizens of Texas to become organ, tissue, and eye donors, while also reducing the cost to state government of operating the registry. (House author: Rep. John Zerwas, R-Simonton); Effective 9/1/2011 with certain provisions taking effect 1/1/2012.

- HB 2908 Graduate Medical Education Positions:** Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to create an assessment of the adequacy of opportunities for graduates of Texas medical schools to enter graduate medical education in this state. (House author: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 2910 Completion Rates:** Allows the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to create partnerships with non-profit organizations. Also includes the T-STEM Scholarship Program noted in SB 1729. (House author: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 2937 Criminal Records:** Allows the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to conduct criminal background checks for potential employees applying for security sensitive positions. (House author: Rep. Tryon Lewis, R-Odessa); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 2940 Form of Death Certificates and Fetal Death Certificates:** Requires the Department of State Health Services to improve its database by allowing the user to enter dates in a way which improves the readability of the certified death certificate. (House author: Rep. Tracy King, D-Batesville); Effective 9/1/2011.
- HB 2966 Confidentiality of Forensic Medical Examination Records:** This bill would protect sexual assault victims' identifying information from open records requests. (House author: Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo; sent to the Governor on May 27, 2011)
- HB 2999 Transfer Guarantee:** Allows institutions of higher education to freeze tuition for eligible transfer students. (House author: Rep. Tryon Lewis, R-Odessa); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 3025 Degree Plan:** Requires students who have achieved 45 semester credit hours of college credits to file a degree plan with their institution of higher education. (House author: Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas); Effective September 1, 2011.

- HB 3145 Regulation of Chemical Dependency Counselors:** Requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to assess a \$10 surcharge on chemical dependency counselor licenses to fund a peer assistance program, removes the requirement that person must pass an oral examination to be eligible for a chemical dependency counseling license, and modifies criminal history standards to reduce the maximum waiting period to register as a chemical dependency counselor intern from five to three years. (House author: Rep. Elliot Naishtat, D-Austin); Effective 9/1/2011.
- HB 3146 Consent for Treatment for Chemical Dependency in a Treatment Facility and Required Training for the Facility's Intake Personnel:** Modifies consent to treatment provisions under facility licensure statutes to allow psychologists, social workers, professional counselors, or chemical dependency counselors to obtain a patient's consent for treatment for chemical dependency. (House author: Rep. Elliot Naishtat, D-Austin); Effective 9/1/2011.
- HB 3577 TEOG Cleanup:** Provides that a student who qualifies for both the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant and a TEXAS grant to receive the grant of greater value. (House author: Rep. Larry Gonzales, R-Round Rock); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 3578 Emergency Loans:** Allows institutions of higher education to include the cost of textbooks when providing emergency loans to students. (House author: Rep. Larry Gonzales, R-Round Rock); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 3579 Physician Loans:** Removes the requirement of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board paying principal only when it applies money received pursuant to the Physician Loan Repayment Program. (House author: Rep. Larry Gonzales, R-Round Rock); Effective September 1, 2011.

- HB 3708 Early High School Graduation:** Provides for alternative funding mechanisms for the Early High School Graduation program since it will no longer be funded through the Foundation School Program. (House author: Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston); Effective September 1, 2011.
- HB 3722 Boater Education Program of the Parks and Wildlife Department:** would allow the commission to set the amount of the service fee that online providers would be able to keep. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City; sent to the Governor on May 27, 2011).
- HB 3724 The Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force:** Requires implementation of an early detection plan for prevention, early screening, diagnosis, and management of chronic kidney disease through national, state, and local partners. (House author: Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City); Effective 9/1/2011.